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BRITISH EMBASSY,

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Dear Baker

To Dept on 10/1

Thank you for your letter ZDS 14193 of 16 December. I apologise for not letting you know earlier of our agreement to the suggestion contained in paragraph 3 of Feast's letter ZDS 14193/37 of 12 October.

2. We do agree, although by working on a calendar year system instead of, as formerly, a financial year, it looks as if we shall lose some of the £4,430 we now have outstanding for 1966. This cannot be helped, as the Iraqis have turned down many courses they previously requested, mainly because of the low standard of English of candidates put forward.

3. The only courses which have to be costed for 1966 are two; details in part I of Annex A enclosed. In part II of this Annex we have listed those courses taken up by the Iraqis and starting in January or February 1967.

4. We have not costed the courses for the reasons given in paragraph 5 of Bailey's letter 1191/5/66 of 19 March, and agreed by Feast in ZS 4193/9 of 31 March. As regards additional courses for 1967, no details are yet known. We have asked the MOD for those courses requested by Iraq and await a reply.

5. I enclose a spare copy of this letter, with Annex, for your convenience.

Yours ever,

Stephen Egerton  
(S. L. Egerton)

G. W. Baker, Esq.,  
Defence Supply Section,  
Defence Department,  
Foreign Office, S.W.1.

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UNITED KINGDOM MILITARY TRAINING SCHEME - IRAQ

PART I - COURSES NOT ACCOUNTED FOR IN 1966

1. 2 Officers, Lt. JAWAD KADHIM AL TAMINI and Lt. FAWZI HAMID,  
on Gun Position Officer's Course (7/A/9), 2 November to 14 December 66.
2. 2 Officers, Lt. IHSAN QADRI TAWFIQ and Lt. FARID BAHJAT SAGMAN  
on RCT Short Service Officer's Course (14/A/5), 7 December 66 to  
2 March 67.

PART II - COURSES STARTING IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY 1967

3. 3 Cadets, Cadet MUAYYAD NAJIB ABDULLA,  
Cadet ABDUL JABBAR ABDUL SATTAR MUSTAFA  
Cadet ALI ABDUL RAHMAN  
at RMA Sandhurst Intake No. 42. 3 January to 19 December 1968.
4. 1 Officer Lt. ABDUL ILAN HASSAN HUSSAIN AL SAMARRAI  
on Platoon Commanders Tactics Course (10/A/2) 9 January - 3 February 67.
5. 2 Officers. Lt. IMAD MOHAMMAD AL JABORI  
Lt. NAJIM AL ACKWASH  
on Infantry Platoon Commanders course (10/A/6), 2 January to 28 April.
6. 2 Officers Lt. KHALIL IBRAHIM AL SAMMAK  
Lt. QAYS ABDUL RAHMAN AL RUMI  
on Short Ammunition Technical Officer's course (15/B/2), 16 January to  
30 June 67
7. One Officer, Lt.Col. TARIQ TAWFIQ  
at Army Staff College Course, Camberley (2/B), 19 January to July.
8. One Iraqi Air Force Officer, Capt. FAHAD SA'ADOON  
at Pilot Attack Instructor's Course, RAF Chivenor, 9 February to 28 April 1967.



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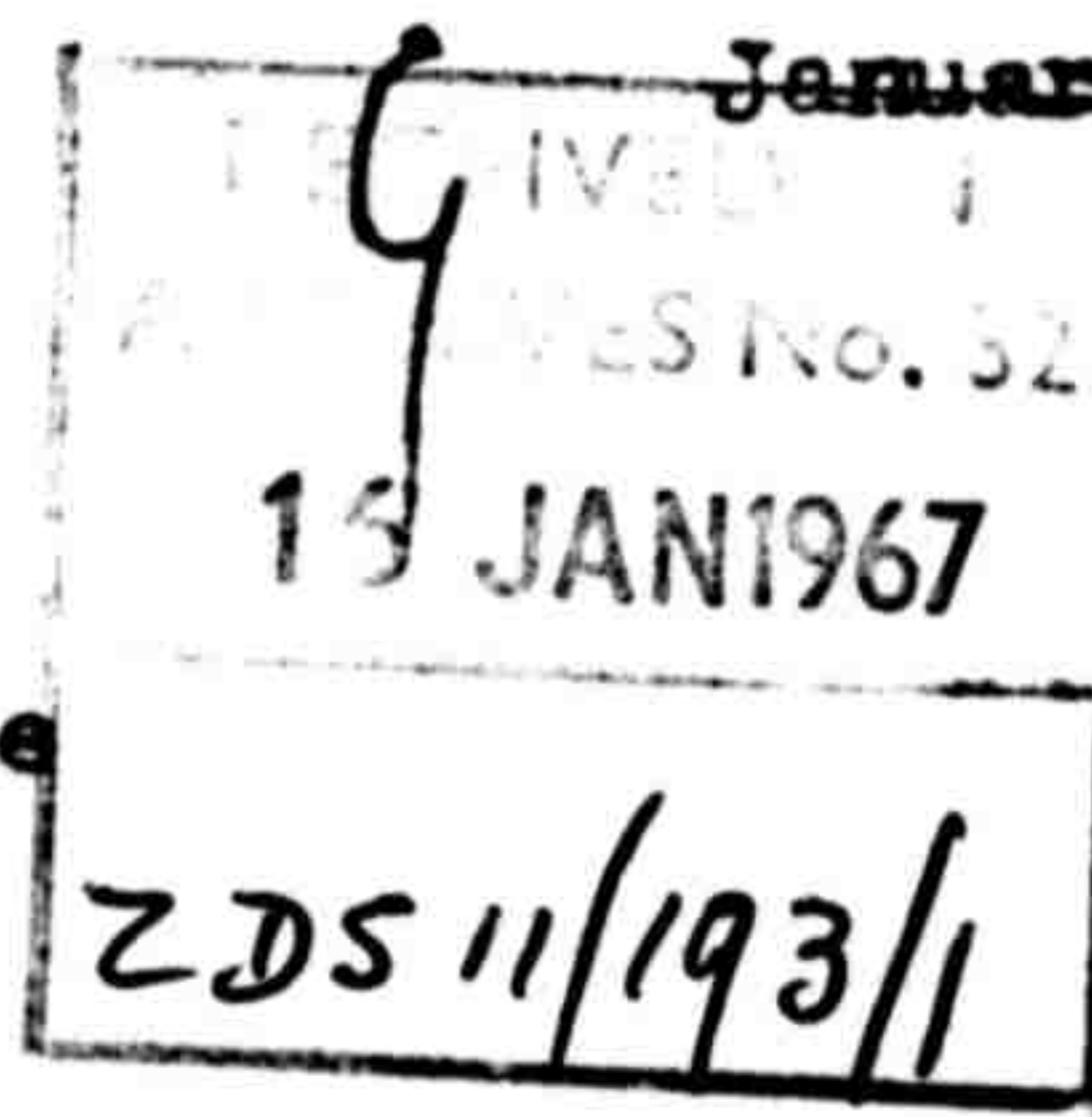
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January 1967

MILITARY ASSISTANCE IRAQ

Reference your MA/Trg/1 of 16th December 1966.

Annexure A Serial 3.

The next GFO Course at Larkhill will take place 1st November to 13th December 1967. Can we please have a firm bid for two vacancies on this from Iraq if possible by 1st July 1967.

Major General  
Director of Army Training

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Serials 4 and 5

As you know these two are security barred.

Serials 7 and 8

These are Other Ranks courses and therefore Officers cannot attend.

Serial 9

This course is a Secret course and Iraq cannot attend.

Serial 13

This is also a Secret course.

Serial 15

We presume that this attachment would be linked with Serial 13 and therefore will not be required.

Serial 11

Two officer vacancies have been provisionally booked for Iraq on the Commonwealth and Foreign Ordnance Officers Course 4 Sep 67 to 23 Feb 68. Can early confirmation of acceptance be obtained as this course is now fully subscribed and the vacancies if not required could be given to some other country.

Serial 14

The only Fire Fighting course available is the Unit Fire Officers which lasts two weeks. We note that you have asked for a Long Fire Fighting course which is grouped with Petroleum Training - perhaps their need is Petroleum and Oil Fire Fighting Training, if so we must approach the Home Office. Can you please say what is required.

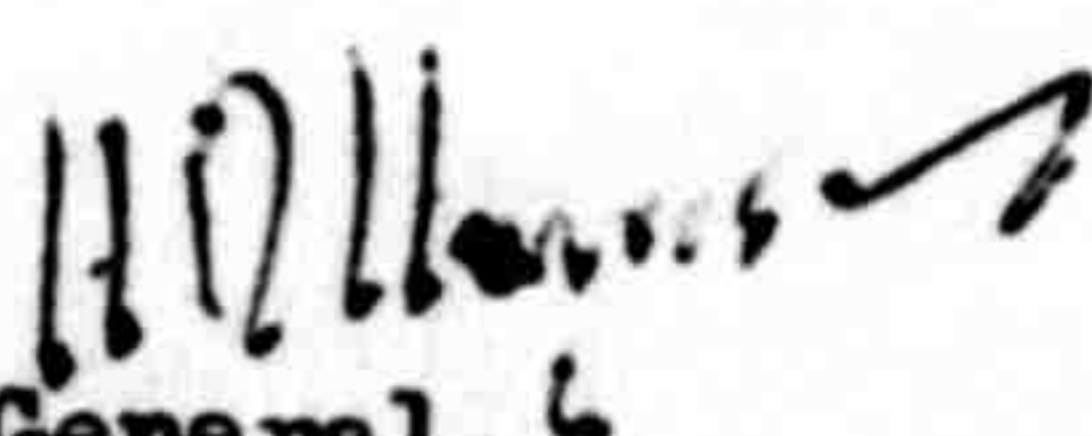
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2. We are sorry that we do not appear to be able to give very much help in your course requirements but as you see our hands are tied from the security instructions.

  
Major-General L  
Director of Army Training

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.,

16 February, 1967.

I have very recently taken over the administration within the Foreign Office of the U.K. Military Training Scheme and your letter of 26 January to Montgomery has therefore come to me.

2. I am afraid however that I am not in a position to say for certain whether training of the sort outlined in the letter of 8 December from the Director of Military Army Training to the Ministry of Overseas Development could be undertaken within the money available for Iraq under the U.K. military training scheme. What I can do however is to give you the figure of the sum of money available for Iraqi training in the year 1966/67 which is £10,000; and the figure of money available for the year 1967/68 which is £5,000.

3. And my impression of the allocation of this money agreed by the British Military Attache at Baghdad is that there is no provision for a Centurion course within these budgets.

4. If I have outlined the position correctly then I can only say that I am very sorry but no British funds are available. However I would imagine that subject to security considerations and the availability of places there would be opportunity to provide the training subject to repayment by Iraq.

5. But there is one aspect of the correspondence which we find a little baffling. We notice that the Army letter of 8 December refers to an O.D.M. letter of 6 October. Your letter of 26 January also makes the point that the O.D.M. would be prepared to make arrangements for military training. We had not realised that this was possible and would be grateful if you would let us know the arrangements which you have in mind.

6. I am copying this letter to those to whom the original correspondence was copied: that is to say the British Military Attache, Baghdad and the Director of Military Training.

(J.A. Davidson)

L.R. George Esq.,  
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by J.A. Davidson  
8 December 1966*

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26<sup>th</sup> January, 1967.

Dear Montgomery

..... I enclose a copy of a letter received from the Ministry of Defence concerning training for members of the Iraq Army.

Although we cannot agree to finance this from Technical Assistance funds, we are prepared to make the arrangements for training. Before proceeding with this request however, I should be grateful for your comments.

Yours sincerely  
L.E. George



(L.E. George)

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MILITARY ASSISTANCE - IRAQ

(22) Reference your TR/316/8701 of 6 October 1966.

1. We forward herewith two copies of the British Military Attache Baghdad's letter Appendix A from MA Trg dated 29 November 1966. We have recently arranged a special Centurion course for the Iraq Army which fell down at the last moment due to the fact they could not find suitable trainees to send. The MA Iraq is very anxious that this fiasco should not be repeated and he, therefore, thinks that the next step should be an outline plan of the course which he can then discuss with the Iraqis, and he hopes that the document which we are sending you now will give you enough information to produce a suggested plan. He thinks that a step by step discussion on the planning of the course will save everyone a lot of time and work in the long run.

2. With regard to the educational standard and other qualifications of the Iraqis he cannot at this stage give any details as the final selection has not yet been made. The Iraqis understand that students will not only have to speak good English but also will need some experience in the fields in which they are going to be instructed. Here again a definite recommendation from you regarding what you consider to be the minimum standards necessary for this type of course would be very helpful. When our MA in Baghdad has this information he will then press for the selection of suitably qualified trainees.

X 3. We would be very grateful, therefore, if you would communicate direct with the British MA, British Embassy, Baghdad, quoting their MA/Training 1 of 29 November 1966.

Major General  
Director of Army Training

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British Embassy, Baghdad.

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UPON GRADUATION FROM THE ADVANCED COURSES AN INSTRUCTOR IN THERMAL TREATMENT SHOULD BE CAPABLE OF CARRYING OUT THE FOLLOWING JOBS:

- 1) Thermal treatment of workpieces and tools made of carbon, alloy steels, non-ferrous metals and cast-iron employing all methods of thermal treatment, including chemical thermal treatment.
- 2) Operate and service all types of equipment and furnaces used for thermal treatment.
- 3) Use control and measuring instruments for determining temperature, quality of the material to be subjected to thermal treatment and that of already subjected to it in accordance with engineering requirements.

UPON GRADUATION FROM THE ADVANCED COURSES AN INSTRUCTOR IN MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE CAPABLE OF CARRYING OUT THE FOLLOWING JOBS:

- 1) Assembling, disassembling and repair of middle complicity equipment; repair and make anew workpieces of middle complicity in accordance with the third-fifth grades of accuracy such as: guides of beds, supports, tables, etc. Using fitting tools and simple devices for assembling and disassembling of industrial equipment.
- 2) Installing of equipment of middle complicity in accordance with engineering requirements; reading of technological charts, diagrams, drawings and instructions on assembling and installing of equipment.
- 3) Drawing up of charts on defects.
- 4) Understand diagrams and assembling drawings on the equipment to be assembled or installed.
- 5) Using measuring tools and instruments.
- 6) Manufacturing anew tail stock rest (for screw cutting lathe) wedges for supports, discs for friction etc.

A GRINDER AFTER UNDERGOING TRAINING SHOULD BE CAPABLE OF CARRYING OUT THE FOLLOWING JOBS:

- 1) To grind internal and external cylindrical and conic surfaces of (details) workpieces of middle and high complexity to the 3-2 grade of accuracy and 7-10 grade of finish on internal, surface and centreless grinding machines.
- 2) To work out independently the technological sequence of treatment, cutting conditions, fix and adjust grinding stones (including profile adjustment,) determine the quality of grinding stone and whether the stone was properly chosen in accordance with the job to be carried out.
- 3) To read working drawings of middle and high complicity, understand technological and instructing documents.
- 4) To grind complicated and important workpieces in different planes with one or more settings, observing parallelism and coaxial psn of the surfaces or pre determined angles.
- 5) To grind complex surfaces and thread.
- 6) To operate different grinding equipment (machinery) of the second grade of accuracy.



A MILLING MACHINE OPERATOR AFTER UNDERGOING TRAINING SHOULD BE CAPABLE OF CARRYING OUT THE FOLLOWING JOBS:

- 1) To mill workpieces of middle and high complicity with a large number of operation elements, to the third grade of accuracy, on horizontal, vertical and universal milling machines, employing standard cutting tools and universal milling fixtures.
- 2) To mill workpieces of higher than average difficulty to the second grade of accuracy on special machines adjusted for treatment of limited scope of workpieces or on universal machine employing gauging cutting tools and universal fixtures.
- 3) To adjust a milling machine independently and work out technological sequence of treatment and cutting conditions.
- 4) To make calculations for milling thread, spirals, gears and to make milling and adjustment independently.
- 5) To fasten workpieces in various fixtures and to properly adjust them in two planes.
- 6) To find the causes of vibration during milling to be capable to eliminate them.

UPON GRADUATION A METAL TURNER SHOULD BE ABLE:

- 1) To machine parts of average difficulty and more complex ones with a great number of operation elements according to the 2-3 degrees of accuracy on universal turning lathes.
- 2) To machine more complex parts according to the 2nd degree of accuracy on special lathes adjusted for processing certain parts or on universal machines using gauged cutting tools and special devices.
- 3) To measure parts machined with an accuracy up to 0.01 mm and to select independently datum surface, sequence and methods of measuring places hard to reach.
- 4) To independently adjust the machine for processing parts of higher accuracy and with complex settings.
- 5) To read working drawings of average and greater difficulty, to use technological documents, to independently determine the sequence of operation elements according to the given operation and to independently set the rational cutting conditions.

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mechanical treatment of parts.

- Grinding of surfaces and washing of parts.

- Inspection of pieces and inspection of pieces not to be steel-brasted.

- Removing fats and washing parts in hot and cold water.

- Annealing of parts.

- Washing in hot and cold water.

Grinding of parts and mechanical treatment.



COURSE OF STUDY: Repair of worn out parts of Automobiles using the following methods:

- (a) Metalisation
- (b) Steel-plating
- (c) Wear - resistant chromium - plating
- (d) WELDING
  - (i) Welding under flux layer
  - (ii) Hand electric arc welding
  - (iii) Electric pulsation welding
- (e) Mechanical treatment of parts after being repaired.

A student undergoing training in the above mentioned practical course should be capable of carrying out the following jobs.

(a) METALIZATION

- (1) Preparation of parts to be repaired by metalization.
- (2) Methods of inspecting parts for cracks.
- (3) Proper method of using all equipment for metalization.

- Baths for removing fats and oils from parts.
- Baths for washing parts in cold and hot water.
- Lathe with additional reductor.
- Magnetic defectoscope.
- Hard alloy tools.
- Electrical metallizer, and oxy-acetylene one.
- Step-down transformer.
- Compressor with air receiver.
- Oil and vapour separator.

- (4) The following parts should be repaired by metalization:

- (a) Camshafts.
- (2) Crankshafts.
- (3) Fitting places for ball and roller bearings.
- (4) Shafts and other parts.

(b) STEEL-PLATING

- (1) Preparation of parts to be repaired by steel-plating.
  - Mechanical treatment of parts.
  - Cleaning of surfaces and washing of parts.
  - Suspension of pieces and insulation of places not to be steel-plated.
  - Removing fats and washing parts in hot and cold water.
  - Anode cleaning of parts.
  - Washing in hot and cold water.
  - Checking of parts and mechanical treatment.



(b) STEEL-PLATING (Contd.)

(2) Proper method of using equipment used for steel-platings.

- Baths for steel-plating, anode cleaning, and for washing in hot and cold water.
- D.C generator.
- Rectifiers and electrical break in switch.
- Tank for electrolyte to be filtered.

(3) Following parts should be repaired by steel-plating:-

- Valve followers - valves, king pin trunion, transmission, reverse gear block shaft, clutch pedal shaft, front axle, trunion, transmission intermediate shaft, and water pump shafts.

(c) WEAR-RESISTANT CHROMIUM-PLATING

(1) Preparation of parts to be repaired by method of chromium-plating.

(2) Equipment used in chromium-plating should be used by student properly.

(3) Student should repair the following parts by chromium-plating:

- Valve followers
- Engine valves
- Chamshafts
- Oil pump shafts
- Slide of gear box corer
- Outer ring of roller and ball bearings.

(d) WELDING

(i) Welding of parts under alloyed flux.

(ii) Hand electric arc welding.

(iii) Electric pulsation welding.

Student undergoing training should be capable of repairing the following parts by methods of welding mentioned above.

ALLOY-STEEL PARTS

- (1) Crank Shafts
- (2) Camshafts
- (3) Splined shafts
- (4) Front trunion
- (5) Differential spider.

CAST IRON PARTS

- (1) Cylinder block of engines and compressors
- (2) Gear box, transfer gear, etc. casings.
- (3) Front and rear axles of automobiles.

ALUMINIUM PARTS

- (1) Crankshaft case of engines
- (2) Cylinder block of engines.
- (3) Cylinder block cover or engines.



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(e) MECHANICAL TREATMENT OF PARTS

- After repairing worn out parts by metallization, steel and chromium plating and welding student should be trained to be acquainted with:
- (1) Machinery (lathes, grinders etc.) used for mechanical treatment of repaired parts.
  - (2) Technological methods of mechanical treatment of repaired parts such as machining course and fine grinding, polishing, and internal grinding and polishing.



Defence Dept.  
Mr Davidson

Reference ZDS 11/193/1

Military Assistance - Iraq

I attach a letter from ODM about  
a training course proposed for Iraqi army officers.  
I understand from Mr George (ODM) that the question  
he wants answered is whether we are paying for  
this training. My impression from the papers would  
be that this is so. Could you please confirm.

Finance Dept <sup>2/2</sup> Mr King. <sup>27/1</sup> J.H.K.

I should be very grateful  
for your confirmation that  
this would be continued  
expenditure

Johnson  
S.I.

Mr Baker  
(Defence Supply Section) Defence Dept  
(Mr Davidson)

I cannot see why this should  
be addressed to O.D.M. This is  
surely for you to answer and arrange  
provided you have sufficient funds  
from the money provided in the UKMTS  
part of the 'military expenditure'

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British Military Attache  
British Embassy  
Baghdad

MILITARY ASSISTANCE - IRAQ

Reference your MA Training 1 of 16th December 1966, Annex A, Serial 15.

We have consulted the RAO in respect of the Iraqi requirements for two officers in POL Supply, and they consider that neither an attachment to the School of Petroleum or a visit to RAO is the best solution. They suggest that the most beneficial method would be for the officers to attend the national/POL phase of an ordnance officers course, or the combat supply course, perhaps augmented with a short visit to the School of Petroleum. The next 3 Ordnance Officers are as follows:-

No. 62 OO Course - 24th April '67 - 9th May '67.

No. 63 OO Course - 29th May '67 - 13th June '67.

No. 65 OO Course - 22nd January '68 - 6th February '68.

No. 4 Combat Supply Course is scheduled for 3rd - 28th July '67.

Will you please consider the above suggestions.

It would be a great help if more detail of the exact requirements could be obtained from the Iraqi Authorities.

*W.H. Hanley*  
Major General  
Director of Army Training.

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Foreign Office, Mr. J.A. Davidson.

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BRITISH EMBASSY  
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2 March 1967.

*Dear Mr Davidson,*

1. Please refer to your letter ZDS 11/193/1 of 16th February 1967 to Mr. George of the Ministry of Overseas Development a copy of which you kindly sent me.
2. As I have not had copies of all the correspondence between the Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of Overseas Development and yourself concerning IRAQ Army courses I am only able to comment in general terms on the question of their financing. It might help, however, if I were to explain what I believe to be the attitude of the Iraqi Ministry of Defence in this matter.
3. As you probably know, many of the training courses in the UNITED KINGDOM are barred to IRAQ for security reasons and the number open to them is small. This is the reason why in 1966 only a handful of Iraqi officers were sent to the UK. As far as the Iraqis were concerned the number sent was in no way influenced by the amount of money available under the Military Training Scheme. The Iraqis are always pressing for more courses and they have made it clear to me that though they appreciate the courses we provide free of charge they are, and always have been, prepared to pay for any extra courses we can give them.
4. Considerations of whether courses arranged through the Ministry of Overseas Development can or cannot be covered by the money available under the Training Scheme are therefore largely irrelevant. Obviously, if these courses can be provided free, so much the better; but if not the Iraqis are most unlikely to jib at paying for them. I hope, therefore, that the question of who is to pay will not be allowed to stand in the way when it comes to arranging the courses for which the Iraqis have asked.
5. When it is clear from the start that the Iraqis will have to foot the bill for a particular course we would naturally wish to obtain their agreement first, giving them at the same time an estimate of the likely cost. But, as I have already intimated, in such a case I foresee very little difficulty in obtaining their consent.
6. I am copying this letter to Mr. George of the Ministry of Overseas Development and to the Ministry of Defence AT 1(a).

*Yours Sincerely  
Jimmy White*

J.A. Davidson, Esq.,  
The Defence Department,  
Foreign Office,  
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- 8 MAR 1967

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6.1 March 1967

Dear Davidson,

With reference to your letter of 16th February regarding training for members of the Iraq Army.

We would not be able to provide any of the training under reference from technical assistance funds. It is felt that this training could best be given in an Ordnance workshop, but should this not be possible we would be prepared, if it was considered advisable, to endeavour to place these trainees with civilian firms. All training costs however would have to be met by the Iraqi Government.

When applications are received from Overseas Governments, for the training of Military personnel where the training is for skills which are not primarily military ones and we can broadly satisfy ourselves that the training to be provided will be used for development, such applications are considered carefully on their merits. Before, however, any application is regarded as acceptable in principle, it must contain a reasonable assurance that the trainee would be employed, on his return home after the end of his training, in the capacity for which the training was provided, and not on any other military duties.

From a study of the enclosures to the letter of 8th December from the Ministry of Defence, it would seem that the training falls into two categories; firstly for Instructors and secondly for what is almost basic apprenticeship training. Whilst the former may be obtainable, the latter may well be almost impossible to obtain outside an Ordnance workshop.

This letter is being copied to Baghdad and the Director of Army Training.

Yours sincerely  
L.E. George

(L.E. George)

J.A. DAVIDSON, ESQ.,  
FOREIGN OFFICE,  
KING CHARLES STREET,  
LONDON, S.W.1



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 Stag Place  
 London

*1.5/3-*

MILITARY ASSISTANCE - IRAQ

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Reference your TR/328/87/01 of 6th March 1967.

We would like to point out that we consulted REME for the provision of the training to which your letter refers, and they stated that they were unable to provide this type of training. It is for this reason that we applied to you for assistance.

*11/11/67*  
 (M. R. Harrison)  
 MD III  
 Director of Army Training

Copy to:- Foreign Office (Mr J. A. Davidson)





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## MILITARY ASSISTANCE IRAQ

Reference your TR 328/87/01 of 6th March 1967.

We would be very grateful if you would inform the  
Military Attache, British Embassy, Baghdad, what progress  
is being made regarding the training of Iraqi technicians.  
As you know the request was originally forwarded to you  
on 6th June 1966.

*H. D. Harrison*  
(H. D. HARRISON)  
RO III  
for Major General  
Director of Army Training

Copy to:- British Military Attache  
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Baghdad.  
Foreign Office  
J. A. Davidson Esq.



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MILITARY ASSISTANCE IRAQ @ YOUR MA/TRG/1 OF  
7 MARCH ASKS FOR TWO VACANCIES AIR DESPATCH  
COURSE 24 APRIL - 20 MAY @ THESE ARE BEING  
ALLOTTED @ YOUR MA/TRG/1. OF 20 MARCH ASKS  
FOR SAME COURSE TWO VACANCIES 17 SEPT TO 13 OCT @  
DO YOU REQUIRE BOTH COURSES OR ONLY ONE.

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Mr. Davidson.

MILITARY ASSISTANCE - IRAQ

A request has been received from the Military Attache Baghdad for the provision of advisers to inspect Iraqi Repair Workshop set up and to advise on the tooling and equipping that is considered necessary to enable the Iraqi to do their major Centurion repairs. This proposal has been examined by REME who consider that the best plan is to send to Iraq two officers, one experienced in Centurion repair techniques and one experienced in training on Centurion to assess the situation and advise what is required, 10 - 14 days should prove sufficient.

Before the matter can go any further it will be necessary for the Foreign Office to formally agree to the request. Normally this should be referred to you by the Embassy in Baghdad but in order to save time we are sending this to you direct.

*11/11/67*  
(H. D. HARRISON)  
RO III  
for Major General  
Director of Army Training.

Copy to: British Military Attache Baghdad  
AGSP  
EME 3  
MO 4  
FVDOC (Mr. Munnery)

*15/4*

*No objection  
provided (a) H.M.  
Amb. agrees (b)  
no security  
objection and  
(c) if possible  
at no cost to  
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H.M.C.  
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MILITARY ASSISTANCE IRAQ @ n/a 2DS  
 YOUR 297 OF 29 MARCH @ BOTH COURSES WILL  
 RUN AS STATED - CENTURION D+M 24 APRIL TO  
 14 JULY GUNNERY 4 SEPT TO 10 NOV @  
 GRATEFUL NAMES FOR D+M COURSE @ YOU HAVE  
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MILITARY ASSISTANCE IRAQ

Reference A - your MA/Training/1 of 7th March. — N/A

Reference B - your MA/Training/1 of 2nd March. — (7)

Reference A. Two officer vacancies are allotted on No. 4 Combat Supply Course to be held at the School of Ordnance 3rd July 1967 to 28th July 1967. The two officers attending will also make a short visit to the School of Petroleum upon completion of the course.

Reference B. Two officer vacancies are allotted to Iraq on No. 230 Unit Fire Officers Course to be held 17th July 1967 to 28th July 1967.

We will be grateful for acceptance of the above officers as soon as possible.

*H.D. Harrison*

(H.D. HARRISON)  
 RD III  
 for Major General  
 Director of Army Training

Copy to:

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Foreign Office (Mr. Baker)

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**FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.**

**(ADS 11/193/1)**

**4 April, 1967.**

**Military Assistance to Iraq**

I am writing in reply to your letter of 23 March about assistance to Iraq in connection with repairs to Centurion tanks of the Iraqi Army.

2. We have no objection to the assistance proposed in your letter provided

(a) it is acceptable to the British Embassy, Baghdad;

(b) there is no Ministry of Defence security objection;

(c) the assistance is paid for by Iraq.

3. I am copying this letter to the British Military Attaché, Baghdad.

**(J.A. Davidson)**

**H.D. Harrison, Esq.,  
Directorate of Army Training,  
Ministry of Defence (AT 1),  
Old War Office Building,  
S.W.1.**



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Military assistance Iraq of your MA/TRG/1 of 30 MARCH.  
Please see WOM 43/0'Sess/1539 of 20 MARCH in which  
Iraq was offered two vacancies on Fire course  
14 July - 28 July and two vacancies on combat supply  
course 3 July - 28 July followed by short visit to  
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Dear Davidson

I have seen your letter XDS 11/193/1 of 4 April connected with repairs to Iraqi Centurion tanks.

2. The Assistant Military Attaché here had already raised this matter with us before writing to the Ministry of Defence. The proposal is acceptable to us.

3. I am copying this letter to Harrison of the Directorate of Army Training.

Yours sincerely

*J. F. Walker*

(J. F. WALKER)

J. A. Davidson, Esq.,  
Defence Department,  
Foreign Office,  
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*John Jones*  
*John Jones*

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**MILITARY ASSISTANCE - IRAQ**

Reference your Signal 300801, March. — ?

**Two vacancies are allotted on the Air Dispatch  
Course - 17th September to 13th October 1967.**

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*[Signature]*

(H.D. Harrison)

RO III

for Director of Army Training

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Foreign Office, Mr. Davidson (UK MTS)



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From: Mr G. Barry

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

Main Building, Whitehall, LONDON S.W.1

Telephone: Whitehall 7022, ext. 7038

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Our references: D/DS 8a/5/2

Your reference:

*J. S. 1st May*  
April, 1967

Dear Davidson,

The AOC of the Iraqi Air Force has been pressing the British Attache for places on various bombing courses in the UK for his TU-16 (Badger) crews. In point of fact the only such course which is open to Iraq from a security angle is the Conventional Weapons Delivery Course for Canberra (Strike) Navigators, at a 'Restricted' level, but in any case I believe you would like to consider this in the light of current relations between Iraq and Kuwait.

2. Perhaps you would then let me know if there are indeed some objections to accepting Iraqi students for the course.

Yours sincerely,

*Mr Montgomery  
Leahy Sep 11  
Crotech  
advice to reply  
J. S. 11/5*

*G. Barry*

J. Davidson, Esq,  
Foreign Office,  
Downing Street,  
London, S.W.1

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1. *Mr. Davidson*  
2. Mr. Davidson - Defence Department

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U.K. Training Courses for Iraqi  
Air Force (I.A.F.) Personnel

I have discussed the question of whether or not we should let the Iraqis have places on the Conventional Weapons Delivery Course for Canberra (Strike) Navigators with Mr. Stirling (Arabian Department) and with W/Cdr. Hamilton (Cabinet Office). The latter was formerly Air Attaché at Baghdad and knows the I.A.F. well.

2. The TU.16 is a medium jet bomber (roughly equivalent to our Valiant) with a bomb capacity of about 20,000 lbs. and an operational range of about 1500 miles. The I.A.F. have ten of them, i.e. one squadron.

3. I understand that the Canberra (Strike) Navigators bombing course consists of training in medium and high level bombing. The I.A.F.'s bombing record against the Kurds has not been good.

4. The I.A.F. have always been keen to have R.A.F. training and we have a political as well as an important commercial interest in fostering this connexion with them. A small team of R.A.F. officers has been in Iraq for time training Iraqi pilots in the use of the British-supplied Hunters, of which the I.A.F. has about fifty. In the Kuwait context there would seem to be little difference between training the Iraqis to fly the Hunters, which pack a healthy rocket punch, and training their navigators to aim bombs accurately.

5. However, before we express an opinion on the bombing course, could you please ascertain the following information from M.O.D. :-

(a) How many places could be offered to the Iraqis on the Canberra (Strike) Navigators course?

(b) How many I.A.F. officers are currently undergoing or have been accepted for, training courses with the R.A.F. and what are the nature of these courses?

6. If the A.O.C. of the Iraqi Air Force, Brig. Jissam Mohammed, has been "pressing" for places on bombing courses, it is more than likely that he will raise the matter during his forthcoming visit to the U.K., 14-16 May. The A.O.C. will be heading an I.A.F. team who are coming to evaluate the latest Jet Provost trainer and also to look at Wessex helicopters. In 1963 they bought 20 Jet Provosts and 12 Wessexes; they are now considering the purchase of a further 20 advanced jet trainers and 8 helicopters. If they were to purchase both in the U.K., the orders would be worth about £5 million. In the case of the Jet Provost, there is strong competition from the French and the Czechs, both of whose counterparts are cheaper.

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*Please see below  
(my notes)*

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7. Having regard to our lamentable performance in delivering aircraft rockets ordered for the Hunters (which recently led the Iraqis to cancel an enquiry made to M.O.D. for a further 105,000) a negative response to the request for places on bombing courses ~~has the potentiality of being a~~ point of friction during the A.O.C.'s visit, i.e. just when it would be least desirable.

*D. Montgomery*

(D. Montgomery).

5 May, 1967

Mr. Dainton

I have discussed this question with Mr. Morris and we are agreed that we should advise the Ministry of Defence not to agree to the training of Iraqi bomb-aimers. Arabian Department, from our earlier discussion with Mr. Sterling, would, I am sure, agree with this view.

2. The reasons are as follows:-

- (a) Iraqi high-level bombing from Russian built medium bombers might take place against the Kurds. But the more probable targets for high-level bombing are Kuwait, Bahrain, Iran and Israel!
- (b) We have not supplied any light or medium bombers to Iraq since the 1958 revolution. Any training we carry out should be related to equipment which we have supplied (just as should ammunition, spare parts, etc.) - at least so far as "teeth" arms are concerned. The training and ammunition which we supply for Hunters fits in with the fact that we supplied the Hunters originally. (One might argue that there is not much to choose between high-level bombers and ground attack fighters so far as offensive roles are concerned. This is however debatable and the line has to be drawn somewhere.)

3 The question therefore arises as to the terms in which we should reply negatively to the Iraqis. There might be something to be said for speaking frankly on the lines of (b) above. However, this might provoke them into considering that we had confirmed their suspicions that our arms policies are strongly conditioned by political considerations, to the detriment of their interests. It seems better therefore to give a tempering reply, and the questions which Mr. Montgomery asks may be helpful in this respect. If we could say that there are no foreign, other than allied officers on these courses (if it is true) so much the better. If not then probably, in the light of the actual position, the best line will be: "we are sorry but we do not have any really suitable courses, and the ones which are marginally relevant are either limited to British or allied officers or are fully booked-up". The Iraqis are masters of this type of "Arabic negative" themselves and will probably take the message without being unduly put out.

ie. that we  
supply training  
facilities to match  
equipment supplied.

4 In the light of the actual position the Ministry of

Defence



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Defence can no doubt work out an answer on these lines; we should however like to know what form it will take before it is given.

*J.R. Rich*

(J.R. Rich)

8 May. 1967

Mr Brooke Turner Esq.

You may wish to see these ppt.

2) I have put to the Defence the question suggested by Eastern Dept and have been promised an answer tomorrow.

3) It is to be hoped that the view at X above is correct, and that the possibility of further large Defence sales to Iraq will not be damaged.

*J.R. Rich*

9/5

Mr Montgomery (Eastern Dept)

I have now told Mr. Defense that the departmental view has in regard to Iraq's bank accounts: [even though we are currently giving them a check drawing.]

*012 led previously pointed out,*

*J.R. Rich*  
18/5

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I understand that Mr Davidson  
was not able to obtain clear cut  
answers to the two questions posed  
in para. 5 of my minute of 5 May.  
It appears that there are about a  
dozen I.A.F. personnel <sup>currently</sup> undergoing courses  
with the R.A.F. mainly in the  
"pilot attack" field.

Quintony  
23/5

Mr. Davidson

The point is really to get information which can be  
used for <sup>formulating</sup> ~~leading~~ is truthful & friendly negative reply as possible.  
Do. Mr D. have this is hard? — They are the people who have  
the info. & are best placed to formulate the reply.

J. H. H.  
23/5

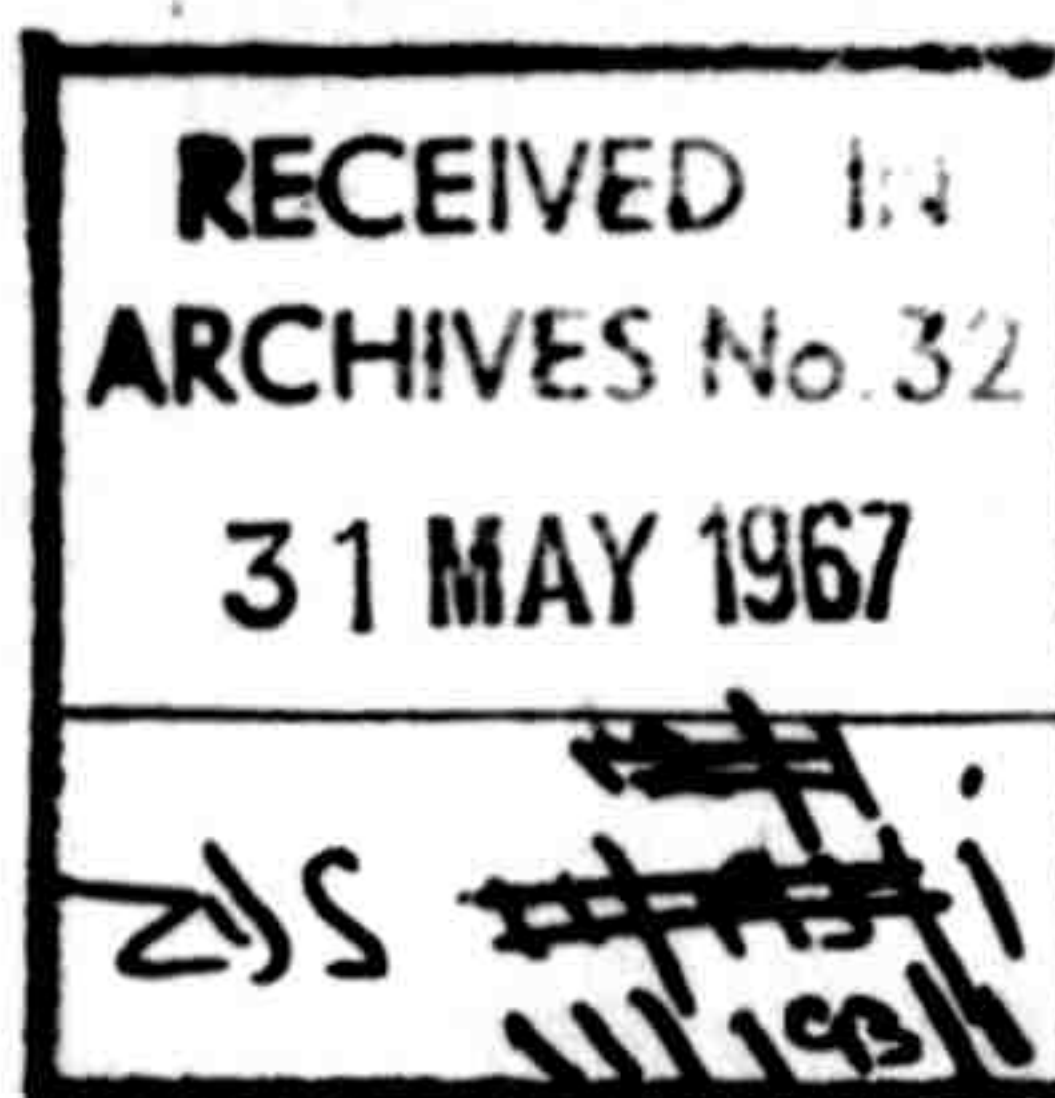
In present circumstances  
I have "died".  
Please put away.

W. Davidson  
31/5



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Ministry of Defence (AT 1)  
Old War Office Building,  
Whitehall,  
LONDON, SW.1.



27 May 1967.

UNITED KINGDOM MILITARY TRAINING SCHEME - IRAQ

1. In 1965 we arranged for two Iraqi Army Lieutenants, IBRAHIM AL QADU and HANZA HERZA to attend the Infantry Platoon Commanders Small Arms Course at HYTHE followed by the Platoon Commanders Tactics Course at WARMINSTER from 2 November 1965 to April 1966. Subsequently the Iraqi authorities objected (because the officers concerned apparently failed the HYTHE part of their course) that they had in fact only asked for the WARMINSTER Course and not the HYTHE Course. The mistake, which was undoubtedly our fault at this end, arose from the fact that the Iraqis had not appreciated that the HYTHE and WARMINSTER courses almost invariably go together. We explained this at the time to the Iraqi authorities and they were quite satisfied.
2. The matter has now, however, reared its ugly little head again. Apparently the bill for the cost of 1965 Iraqi courses in the UK in excess of those covered by the UKMT Scheme, has just reached the Iraqi Ministry of Defence via their MA in LONDON. The Iraqis have spotted that one of the courses for which they are being invited to pay is the HYTHE Small Arms Course mentioned in Paragraph 1 which they had never intended the officer to attend. They have therefore asked us to meet the cost of this course.
3. We feel that as a matter of good faith we should undertake to pay for the HYTHE course in question. Presumably this could be fairly easily arranged by simply adding this particular Course to the list of those which will be covered by this year's UKMT grant. As the Iraqis do not know how much we allot each year for this (we are careful not to tell them) they will be none the wiser if the course comes under this year's budget.
4. It is a small point on a matter of principle and I agree with the Iraqis that in the circumstances it would be wrong for us to ask them to pay. If we do so it will irk them out of all proportions to the sum involved so I sincerely hope we shall be able to fix this for them.
5. I am copying this letter to Mr. BAKER of the Foreign Office, Defence Supply Section.

Following recent  
events no  
further action required  
J.B. 13/5

Copy to: C.W. Baker, Esq.,  
Foreign Office,  
Defence Supply Section,  
LONDON, S.W.1.

J. Hunt  
Colonel GS  
Defence Attache

Defence Dept  
(Mr. Davidson)

Defence Division  
sent a letter  
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would you please  
reply  
J.B. 13/5



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IRAQI STUDENTS AT ARMY ESTABLISHMENTS

1. Further to our IM to D/DS6/7/109/23 of 22nd June we have consulted the Foreign Office again and advise that the position regarding the Iraqi students is as follows:
  - a. the Pakistan High Commission has accepted responsibility for arranging the departure of these Iraqis and has been given a list of their names and where they are students.
  - b. the 7 days notice already given was fixed as a time within which the Foreign Office hoped their departure could be arranged without causing the students undue inconvenience; it was not fixed as a time limit though it is hoped there will be no delays in their departure now.
2. You are asked to advise the Commandants at the establishments affected to follow the guidelines below in dealing with these Iraqis:
  - a. the students should attend no further instruction. (Those at the RAOC School, Blackdown are an exception to this as it seems reasonable for them to finish their course - which we understand finishes this week).
  - b. they should be advised that they can expect to be contacted about their departure by:
 

MR. TABARAK HUSAIN,  
 Counsellor, Pakistan High Commission  
 35 Lowndes Square  
 LONDON S.W.1


Telephone: BELgravia 2044
  - c. they should be allowed to occupy their present accommodation until their departure is arranged. (It is understood that the three who were at the RAC Centre, Bovington have already moved to London and are in contact with the Pakistan High Commission).
3. The Foreign Office, for political reasons would be grateful if this matter could be handled as kindly as possible under the circumstances, and they feel that it would be worthwhile in bidding these Iraqis farewell to:

/a.



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- a. stress that their departure results from the political decision taken by their own Government to sever diplomatic relations with the United Kingdom;
  - b. say that we (the Army) are sorry their training here has had to be interrupted;
  - c. stress that friendly ties have existed between the British and Iraq armies for many years and we look forward to reviving these ties in the near future.
4. We enclose sufficient copies of this letter for you to send out to the Commandants if you wish and we shall be glad to raise to the Foreign Office any further problems about these departure arrangements.



Major GS  
DS 6b  
MB/6343  
28th June 1967

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**FOREIGN OFFICE,**

**LONDON S.W.1.**

**23 May 1967**

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**Dear Chancery,**

**United Kingdom Military Training Scheme (U.K. M.T.S.):**  
**IRAQ**

Some months ago I inherited from Gordon Feast the administration of the U.K. M.T.S., under which, as you will know, a total of £5,000 is allotted to Iraq for 1967/68. The broad detail of this allocation is shown in the enclosure to this letter.

2. Unfortunately our information on this training does not appear to be comprehensive, and we should be grateful if your Defence Attaché would let us know exactly who is attending each course and when, and just what cost is being borne by the U.K. M.T.S. The reason for our needing this information is that Iraq is paying for certain military training in this country as well as receiving assistance under the U.K. M.T.S., and some accounting confusion might arise if the status of any particular training were not clear.

3. Perhaps I should add that we shall shortly be considering our U.K. M.T.S. programme for 1968/69. Am I correct in thinking that, as yet, we have no firm commitment for this period to Iraq?

4. It would be very helpful if a reply on this could reach me before the end of June.

5. I am copying this letter to Constant (Finance Department) and Colonel Harrison (AFia, Ministry of Defence).

**Yours ever,**

**DEFENCE DEPARTMENT**

**(J. A. Davidson)**

**Chancery,  
Baghdad.**

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The Foreign Office.

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*1/11/19*

(Copied also to D. Montgomery Iraq Desk.)

With the Compliments of

Major J. Atkinson. I consulted  
Montgomery Iraq Desk on this yesterday and  
sent this letter out to show the position. Jk.

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Reg D.S.D.

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6 July, 1968.

Dear David,

D.S.D. Mr G.W. Baker  
We spoke. I believe  
letter on p 3.

Training Courses in Britain for Iraqi  
Officers and the Appointment of British  
Service Attachés

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Bertie Saunders wrote to you last week (his letter 10/3 of 29 June) to report an approach about possible Iraqi purchases of arms from the United Kingdom and to ask for an indication of thinking in London about such deals with Iraq. This letter deals with the related subjects of training courses in the United Kingdom for members of the Iraqi armed forces and the appointment of Service Attachés at this post.

2. Although this country's political orientation in recent years has militated against close relations between British and Iraqi armed services, the Iraqi forces have not forgotten their previous close association with us and still cling to British methods in many fields. The Minister of Defence and Faisal al Ansari, the Chief of the General Staff, pointed out to the Ambassador in so many words that the Iraqis, unlike the Egyptians, are far from having completely adopted Soviet methods even though they have bought Soviet arms. And both Ansari and Jisam Muhammed, the Commander of the Air Force, have told the Ambassador without any prompting that they want to send people to Britain for training courses and that they would therefore like to see here as soon as possible Attachés from the Army and the Royal Air Force with whom they can talk business. We find this encouraging evidence for the view that the Iraqis are now tipping the balance in our favour somewhat, having not found either the Russians or the French entirely to their liking and wishing to re-open their lines to us.

3. It is of course understandable that because of the Iraqi attitude we have not been very forthcoming in recent years towards their requests for training facilities in the United Kingdom. At a time when demand for places at the Staff College and on other courses is heavy, it is natural that room is more likely to be found for officers whose governments are clearly friendly towards us than for those whose governments are less friendly, to say no worse than that. There is also the question

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of security. But at the same time, willingness to provide training facilities when they are asked for is a useful means of improving our relations with the Iraqi forces and thereby our political relations with the Government. (It is no good preaching to the converted only.) It is also a factor in their consideration of where they should buy arms, and there are indications from other sources, as well as the approach described in the letter under reference, that the Iraqis are at present disposed to look towards us to supply substantial quantities of material.

4. I hope therefore that these considerations will be given due weight and that the Ministry of Defence will be able to hold out good hopes of being able to meet a reasonable number of the requests for courses which the Iraqis are likely to make. The presence of Military and Air Attachés will of course be of great value in itself in promoting our relations with this military régime, but their task will be made easier if they are able to respond positively to Iraqi approaches.

5. The Chief of Staff told the Ambassador that he hoped it would be possible for Iraqi officers to begin staff courses in Britain this autumn. This is a tall order, I know, and the Ambassador gave Ansari no reason to think that it would be possible to obtain places at such short notice. But even if we cannot meet the Iraqis on this it would show willing if we had Attachés here soon who could exploit the openings which are being given to us.

6. As for the level and branch of service of our Attachés, John Rich told me in London that the intention was to appoint an Army officer as Defence and Military Attaché and an R.A.F. officer as his assistant. This seems right so far as we can judge the situation at present. Incidentally, knowledge of Arabic is not essential.

*Yours ever,  
Philip.*

(P. McKearney)

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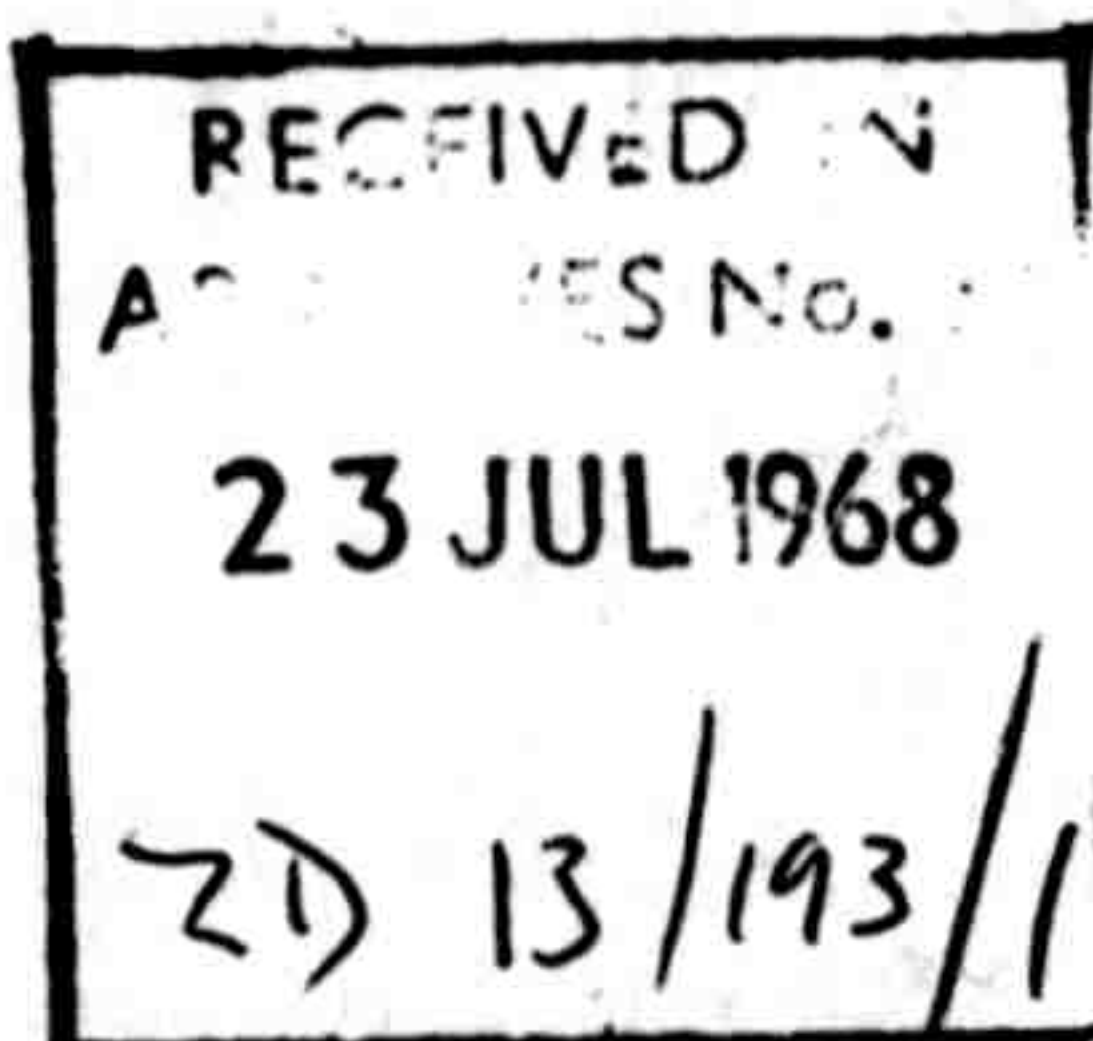
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LONDON, S.W.1.

22 July 1968



Military Training in U.K.

(24) George Baker has already replied to paras 4, 5 & 6 of your letter 10/10 of 6 July.

2. While, as you say in your para 3, there are reasons why it would be difficult to accord Iraq high priority in the training queue, we shall nevertheless put aside a little money for the future. I think, however, especially in view of current events in Iraq, that we should await the arrival of your Service Attachés before we make any prior plans.

(D. J. Makinson)  
Eastern Department

P. McKearney, Esq.,  
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P. McKearney  
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From

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Dr  
19/5

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Mr. J. K. T. S.  
(Baker - Sep 1)

Grocotts you advise on  
 Doc. if anything should  
 be said to the N. Defence  
 on the coming issue.

Given today: Leg (20)  
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perhaps be a core  
for doing nothing until  
the situation there is clear

We have a defence  
 article in the paper. It  
 would you not to  
 reply to Bigelow accordingly?

3/25/20

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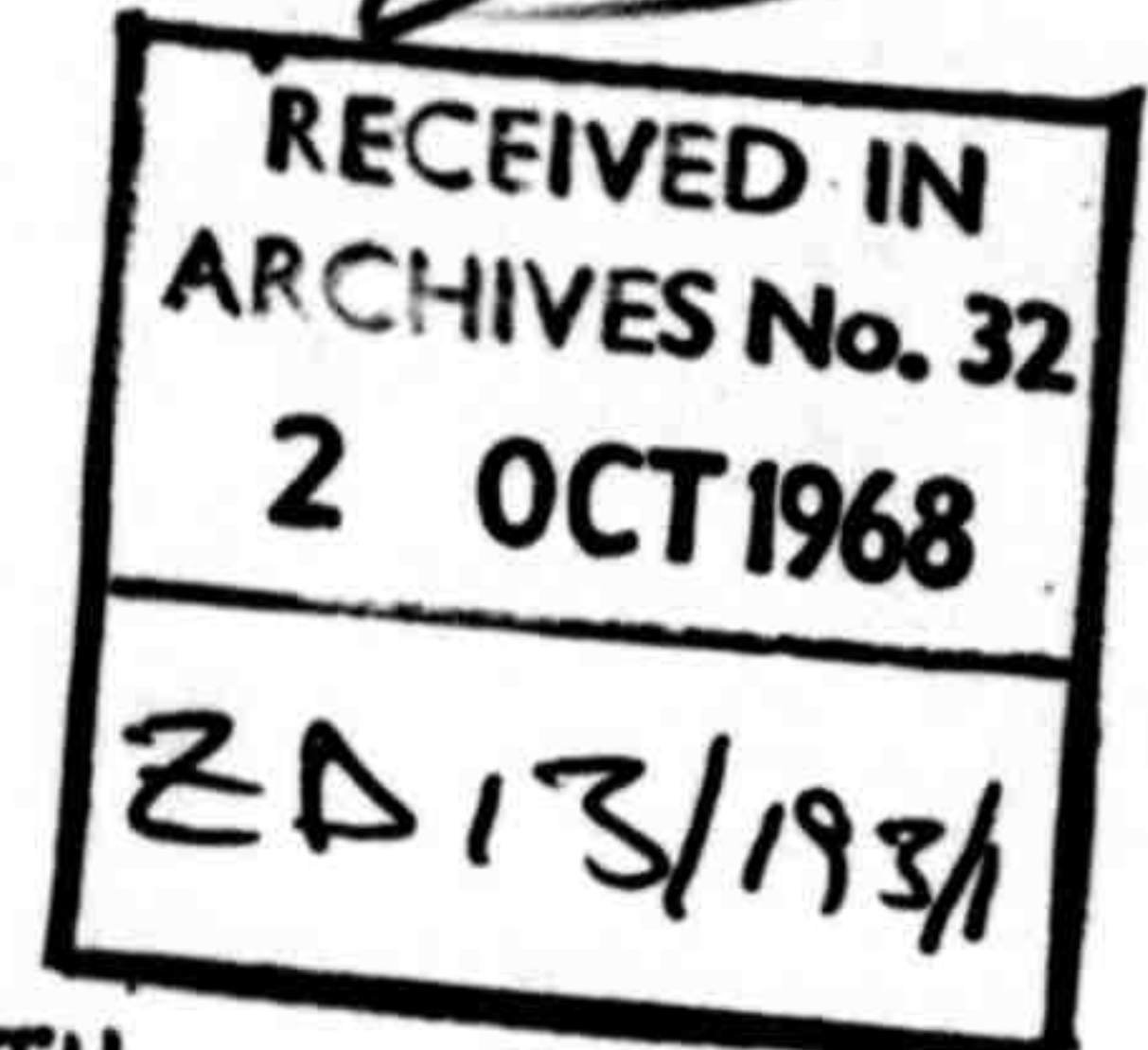
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TO FOREIGN OFFICE

1 OCTOBER 1968.

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DEFENCE DEPARTMENT'S LETTER ZD 13/193/1 OF  
22 JULY: MILITARY TRAINING FOR IRAQIS.



WE HAVE RECEIVED FURTHER INDICATIONS THAT THE  
CHIEF OF IRAQI GENERAL STAFF WISHES TO DISCUSS WITH  
OUR DEFENCE ATTACHE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THE TRAINING OF  
IRAQI PERSONNEL IN BRITAIN. IT OCCURS TO ME THEREFORE THAT  
SINCE THE DEFENCE ATTACHE IS NOT DUE TO ARRIVE UNTIL  
MID NOVEMBER IT WOULD SAVE TIME AND GIVE HIM A GOOD START HERE  
IF HE WERE TO BRING WITH HIM AN INVITATION FOR A GROUP  
OF SENIOR OFFICERS TO VISIT LONDON TO DISCUSS TRAINING WITH  
THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE.

2. THE VISIT WOULD ALSO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS  
THE SUMS OWED BY THE IRAQIS FOR PREVIOUS TRAINING COURSES  
(CORRESPONDENCE RESTING WITH EASTERN DEPARTMENT'S  
LETTER EQ 10/6 OF 26 APRIL TO THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
AND FINANCE DEPARTMENTS'S LETTER DSF 29/26  
OF 19 SEPTEMBER TO US). WE COULD POSSIBLY REACH AGREEMENT  
ON SETTLING THESE BILLS AS PART OF ANY ARRANGEMENT TO RESUME  
TRAINING IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

MR. EVANS.

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FOREIGN OFFICE,  
LONDON, S.W.1.

ZD 13/193/1

7 October, 1968

Military Training for Iraq

... (26) I write to enclose a copy of a telegram from Baghdad about the provision of military training assistance to Iraq.

2. We are giving thought to the merits of the issue, but felt that you would like to receive a copy of the Baghdad telegram as soon as possible.

3. May we leave it to you to arrange whatever additional Ministry of Defence distribution is necessary?

(J.A. DAVIDSON)

D.S. West, Esq.,  
ES 11,  
Ministry of Defence.

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Reference.....

The Machine Boiler.

2 rows the 1st. of (27)  
after discussion with Mr. Brown  
who said the Eastern  
Dept would follow up  
starting with an assessment  
of the merit for the  
guidance of the Mr. Defense.

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Reference.....

Mr. Evans

R.E.  
9/10

Iraqi Defence: Military training in  
Britain and the supply of arms.

There appear to be two interlocking pieces of action outstanding. We owe a follow-up to the Ministry of Defence, of Mr. Davidson's letter ZD 13/193/1 of 7 October, (flagged at A). This should give our assessment, for the guidance of the Ministry of Defence, of the merits of Sir Trefor Evans' suggestion that the new Defence Attaché should arrive in Baghdad armed with offers of military training for Iraqi personnel in Britain. We spoke about this; and I have since talked to Mr. Davidson. A draft letter is attached below, together with a draft covering minute to Mr. Davidson.

2. Secondly, we owe a reply to Mr. Saunders to his letter of 19 September in file EQ 10/1, about the supply of arms to Iraq generally. This is less urgent; so I am doing a further draft letter from Mr. Makinson to Mr. Saunders which will be ready for Mr. Makinson to approve tomorrow.

*A. C. D. S. MacRae*

(A. C. D. S. MacRae)  
8 October, 1968.

*Defence / Sept.*  
*✓*  
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*Jon 9/10*

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

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10 October, 1968

Sent 11/10/68.

Military Training for Iraq

In my letter of 7 October enclosing a copy of Baghdad telegram No. 290 I said that we were looking into the merits of the issue of military training in Britain for Iraqis.

2. The issue has now been considered, and in general terms, we would support the provision, on a limited scale, of facilities for the military training of Iraqis: first as a means of improving our relations with the Iraqi army - and hence with the government - and secondly as a means of influencing the Iraqi army towards buying arms and equipment from us. It would also seem to be good tactics if the new Defence Attaché could be in a position to present an invitation fairly soon after his arrival for one or two Iraqi officers to visit London to discuss the matter.

3. However, we also feel that we should sound a word of warning. As you will know our decisions on the supply of arms to the Middle East are at present dictated by the complex set of Ministerial rulings on the subject made last November. If any effort is to be made to interest the Iraqis in buying arms from us, these rulings must be borne very much in mind. To stimulate Iraqi interest in weapons whose supply we could not authorise, would clearly be counter-productive.

4. Perhaps you would let us know what you think about it all.

*Mr. G. A. Davidson J.A.*  
*11/10/68*

(J.A. DAVIDSON)  
Defence Department  
Room K126

D.A. West Esq.,  
DS 11,  
Ministry of Defence.

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To:—

Mr. Davidson,  
Defence Supply Dept.

From

R. M. Evans

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✓ J.S.P.

**Military Training for Iraq.**

I attach below a draft follow-up letter to your letter of 7 October to the M.O.D. We have no objections to the military training scheme as such; but I <sup>would like to be sure</sup> ~~am concerned~~ that the M.O.D. should <sup>be</sup> in no doubt about the dangers of "over-sell" as far as the supply of arms to the Iraqis is concerned.



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Defence Dept.  
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~~further thoughts on the merits of the issue of~~  
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4. ~~I look forward to hearing your reactions~~  
~~to the suggestion of the Embassy in Baghdad.~~

*Perhaps you would  
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you think about it all.*

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